



A G E N D A
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 7:00 PM
Council Chambers,
Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - o May 30, 2009: Workshop Council Meeting
 - o Consent Agenda Item / Approval of June 2, 2009 Council meeting in single motion:
 - June 2, 2009: Workshop Council Meeting with OJRSA
 - June 2, 2009: Regular Council Meeting
 - June 2, 2009: Workshop Council Meeting re: Administrator Search
5. Public Comment Session *(Limited to forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person.)*

Comments MUST be related to a specific agenda item slated for action at this meeting
6. Extended Public Comment Session *(Limited to 2 citizens per meeting, prior scheduling required with Clerk to Council, five [5] minutes per person. Comments not limited to specific agenda item)*
 - o West Oak Young Farmers & Agribusiness Association / Gwen McPhail
8. Convention Visitor's Bureau [CVB] Update / Mr. Ken Sloan
9. Consideration of the Following Ordinances
 - [1] Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance 2009-05](#) "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY"
 - [2] Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance 2009-06](#) "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR ORDINARY COUNTY PURPOSES IN OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010."

This ordinance may have minor revisions after the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009
 - [3] Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance 2009-07](#) "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010."

This ordinance may have minor revisions after the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009
 - [4] Third & Final Reading of [Ordinance 2009-08](#) "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL PURPOSE TAX DISTRICT AND TO ESTABLISH THE BUDGET FOR THE KEOWEE FIRE SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010."

This ordinance may have minor revisions after the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009
 - [5] Second Reading of [Ordinance 2009-12](#) "AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY AS THE SECTION 208 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN OCONEE COUNTY, TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF POLLUTING SUBSTANCES AND TO SET PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF."
 - [6] First Reading of [Ordinance 2009-13](#) "AN ORDINANCE TO RATIFY, AFFIRM AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF CERTAIN PROCUREMENT METHODS FOR A CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY PROJECT AND TO REVIEW, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A CERTAIN OCONEE COUNTY PROJECT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO"
10. Consideration of the Following Resolutions
 - [1] First and Final Reading of [Resolution 2009-10](#) "A RESOLUTION HONORING TO LINDA R. NIX

11. Discussion & Possible Action Items:

[1] Consent Agenda Items

[these 7 items may be acted on in one motion by Council if they so choose]:

PRT Commission Recommendations:

- \$3,850.00 / [Pendleton District Commission](#) / Printing of 100,000 “Waterfalls of Upstate South Carolina” brochures / No County Match

Oconee County has partnered with re-orders of this brochure in the past due to it's popularity. To date more than 250,000 of these brochures have been used and been made available in SC & GA.

- \$2,800.00 / Continue Contract / [Upcountry Brochure Service](#) to display the brochures / No County Match

Upstate Brochure Services has over 50 brochure racks in SC and over 90 in northeast GA. As the company grows so will the distribution of our brochures. The racks are placed in hotels, tourist attractions, restaurants, etc.

ATAX Grant Requests:

- \$1,200 / [Foothills Conservatory](#) / Advertising / M.A.D. Camp and The Nutcracker / Match from SC Arts Commission - No County Match

M.A.D. Camp: This camp will benefit students involved and the community by offering high quality artistic education in voice, acting and movement for state. Historically more than 20% of the students come from outside of Oconee County. The Nutcracker: This is a highly professional presentation with rehearsals held several days a week for several months in Seneca. Typically more than half of the 60+ participants come from outside of Oconee County.

- \$1,000 / [Heritage Corridor Ambassadors Tour Sponsorship](#) / Sponsors - No County Match

OC PRT has partnered with the Heritage Corridor and their group tour manager to offer a rolling classroom of tourism sites to create ambassadors for promoting tourism in Oconee County. These tours have been very successful and each tour bus has been filled to capacity.

- \$9,600 / [South Carolina Apple Festival](#) / Advertising for 2009 SC Apple Festival / No County Match

This request is for radio, TV, newspaper and magazine advertising to promote the SC Apple Festival to be held in September 2009.

- Blue Ridge Arts Council
 - ~ \$676.02 / [Advertising Annual Members Art Show](#) / Match from Seneca HAT & Oconee Arts & Historical Commission

This request is for advertising the Annual Members Art Show.

- ~ \$426.63 / [Advertising Heritage, Arts, and Music Festival](#) / Match from Seneca HAT & Oconee Arts & Historical Commission

This request is for advertising for the 2nd Annual Heritage, Arts & Music [HAM] Festival

[2] [Boat Ramp Lease with Army Corp of Engineers](#) [Lake Hartwell]

This request is in regards to Lease DACW21-1-82-1930, Oconee County, SC, Hartwell Project in which the county would lease from the Corp of Engineers 8 boat ramps on Lake Hartwell. The County would be responsible for maintenance on these ramps. COE can not maintain these locations and will close the ramps if the County does not choose to enter into the lease. There is an “exit clause” which states the lease may be relinquished by the lessee at any time by giving the Secretary of the Army, through the District Engineer, at least 30 days’ notice in writing.

[3] Parks, Reaction & Tourism Department

- Re-Institute Use of Badges for Qualified Park Personnel / Mr. Phil Shirley, PRT Director

Parks, Reaction & Tourism requests to allow qualified park personnel to wear their badges when on duty in the parks. The Park Rangers are very professional, definitely understand what their authority limitations are regarding custodial arrest and always will call the Sheriffs office for assistance when they can't verbally handle a situation. The request is for Council to approve the wearing of badges by Park personnel.

- [Electronic Gate Installation at South Cove Park](#) / Up to \$13,000

During a committee meeting, members of Council requested the PRT Director to do research into alternatives to allow egress for those fishing beyond 10 PM and to allow easier operational procedures for gate opening/closing at South Cove Park. It is the recommendation of the PRT Director and staff to utilize local ATAX funds and PRT grant matching funds in the existing budget to install a new electronic gate at the entrance to South Cove. The PRT Commission unanimously supported this request but did not take action as a quote was not available.

- [4] A. Policy Discussion regarding Multi Year Renewal Policy
 - B. [Bid 07-05 First Year Renewal Approval](#) / approximately \$350,000 / Rock Quarry
 - A. Request for Council guidance regarding preference for procedures for future automatic renewals for bids and RFQ's that have been previously approved by Council. Historically Councils have approved bids with approved automatic renewals as along as the product or services continues to meet the needs of the department. Typically these automatic renewals allow the departments to lock pricing for a multi-year period. Procurement is requesting Council's approval of the previous policy.
 - B. Bid 07-05 First Year Renewal Approval for approximately \$350,000 for the Rock Quarry for drilling and blasting. This renewal would be granted to Orica USA of Ronda, NC.

[5] [Bid # 08-28](#) / \$184,736.80 / Vehicle Maintenance & Rock Quarry / Tires for Heavy Equipment
 The Quarry purchases tires for six [6] loaders, six [6] off-road trucks, one [1] hydraulic forklift and one [1] motor grader. Vehicle Maintenance tires are for a John Deere pan and a Clark loader which is used by the Road Department. It is the recommendation to award Bid #08-28 to Miller Brothers Giant Tire Services, Inc for an estimated amount of \$184,736.80, for a period of one year with the option to renew for four [4] additional one year periods and that Council authorize the County Administrator to execute these renewals provided the product/work is satisfactory.

[6] [Bid # 08-31](#) / \$27,947 / Vehicle Maintenance & Solid Waste / Wheels for 826G CAT Compactor
 The Caterpillar 826 CAT Compactor is used at the Seneca Landfill to push and compact construction and demolition materials. The wheels currently on the machine are the original wheels and were installed in 2004 when the machine was purchased. The cleats on the wheels are worn down to the point of having holes in them and must be replaced. It is the recommendation of the staff to award Bid #08-31 to Road Machinery Services, Inc. of Statesville, NC in the amount of \$27,947.

- 12. Council Committee Reports
 - o Facilities, Real Estate & Land Management / Mr. Suarez
- 13. Commission / Board Reports to Council *[none scheduled for this meeting]*
[Board of Zoning Appeals will report on July 21, 2009]
- 14. Board & Commission Appointments *[no appointments scheduled for this meeting]*
[Planning Commission Appointments are scheduled for July 7, 2009]
- 15. Administrator Report
- 16. Old Business
- 17. New Business
- 18. Executive Session *[for the purpose of receiving legal advise and to discuss contractual & personnel matters]*
- 19. Adjourn

[This agenda is not inclusive of all issues which Council may bring up for discussion at this meeting.]

Oconee County Council & Committee meeting schedules and agendas are posted at the Oconee County Administration Building and are available on the County Council Website www.oconeesc.com/council.html

[All upcoming meetings will be held in Council Chambers unless otherwise noted]

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**The Honorable Timothy M. Cain**  
*will administer the Oath of Office for two newly elected officials*  
**Mr. Ken Nix, Auditor**  
 &  
**Mr. Gregory Nowell, Treasurer**  
*at 6:30 pm on July 7, 2009 prior to the Council Meeting*